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IDLING PROBLEMS?

If your De Lorean's engine is racing at 2,000 to 2,400 r.p.m. for no apparent reason, chances are the connecting wire on the termistor (thermal switch) has come off.

The termistor is located under the intake manifold by the passenger side of the distributor. Access is from the rear of the vehicle and the connection is pretty easy to spot.

If your engine doesn't constantly race but its idle is rough or irregular even after tuning, the idle speed ECU (Electronic Control Unit) may be defective. To find out, perform this test:

With the engine running, remove the four-pronged wire connector from the passenger side of the ECU. If the ECU is working, the idle speed will jump to 2,000 - 2,400 r.p.m. If the engine doesn't race, the unit is defective and should be replaced.

Correction:

OOPS!

In the last issue of *De Gull Wing* (July/August 1984) on page 6 under "We've Got You Covered," the annual premium for universal life in the age 45 chart was printed in error. The correct amount for the annual premium is \$1250.00.

DE LOREAN MOTOR CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

President's Column

First of all, I'd like to thank all the DMCA members who responded to the service center and insurance questionnaires in the last issue of *De Gull Wing*. Your feedback is essential to the development of an effective national service source listing and an insurance program that is truly affordable and tailored to your needs.

However, despite the many calls we receive about auto insurance, and the forms that have already been mailed in, we still need a much greater written response to attain the volume necessary for significant rate reductions. So, if you're at all interested in auto, medical or life insurance for yourself, family or business, please fill out and return the questionnaire in the July/August issue of *De Gull Wing*.

Because of all the new expansion and reorganization, we've changed our mailing address. Please send all future correspondence to:

De Lorean Motor Club of America, Inc.
Post Office Box 2556
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

DMCA office hours will still be limited to Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., but you can always leave a message with your comments or questions on our telephone answering machine 24 hours a day at (714) 847-9940--so don't hesitate to call.

On a final note, remember that any club or organization is only as strong as the people who support it and contribute their energy and ideas to its continued growth. So far, the enthusiasm and loyalty of our members has allowed DMCA to become the country's largest and most effective De Lorean owners club with the ability to provide substantial benefits for a nominal membership fee.

In the future, DMCA's continued success will depend on your willingness to participate in club-sponsored activities, share your knowledge and experience and help promote chapter membership in your local areas.

DMCA is **your** personal vehicle for expressing the joy, and frustration, of owning a De Lorean. In that sense, DMCA is, and always will be, exactly what you choose to make it. Let's all work together to make sure our club will always reflect the same high standards of quality, performance and style as the extraordinary automobile which brought us together.

DATA

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DISCLAIMER

While it is a primary service of the De Lorean Motor Club of America, Inc. to disseminate technical information, any maintenance technique or possible modification published in *De Gull Wing* should be weighed against conventional, traditional, and generally-accepted techniques and modifications. *De Gull Wing* should not be considered the authority on maintaining or improving De Loreans and the views expressed are those of the author of an article or person quoted. Although research has proceeded each article, the mention of a product, service or procedure herein does not constitute endorsement of it by the Club, its officers, employees, or *De Gull Wing*. Prudent owners should consider possible techniques or modifications in light of common sense compromises among economy, longevity, performance, reliability, driveability, legality, and resale value. Any modifications possibly affecting emissions or safety are the sole responsibility of the person performing them and when such possible modifications are presented in *De Gull Wing*, it is with the understanding that they will be used for racing **AND NOT** on public highways. It is also incumbent upon the owner of a De Lorean to consider the effect of any changes in his vehicle upon any warranty in force before undertaking any technique or modification. Failure to do so could result in denial of warranty coverage by De Lorean Motor Company. This publication and this organization **WILL NOT ASSUME LIABILITY** on any such consequences.

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FINALLY-- LOWER SPEEDOMETER CABLES

For the first time in over two years, DMCA is once again able to offer our members lower speedometer cables. The cables are custom manufactured for DMCA and currently not available anywhere else.

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DMCA Member Price: \$29.00.

When ordering, specify Part No. 101412 or refer to the parts order form on the back page of *De Gull Wing*.

NEW CLUTCH LINE RESTORES SMOOTH SHIFTING

In warm weather, shifting your 5-speed De Lorean can be very difficult, if not impossible. That's probably because the stock plastic clutch line tends to expand when the air temperature rises.

The best way to cure this irritating problem, or keep it from happening in the future, is to replace the stock plastic tube with a DMCA braided stainless steel hydraulic clutch line. This new aircraft-quality cable is pressure-tested and metal sheathed for maximum resistance to heat expansion.

The new hydraulic clutch line is available to DMCA members only for \$95.00 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling. Check the parts order form on the back page of this issue for details.

PARKING BRAKES: Installation & Adjustment

If you have installed brand new disc brake pads in your De Lorean only to find that your parking brake is still "off", you're probably not aware that the parking brakes have their own pads and don't depend on the primary stopping discs.

This added safety feature, although rare on American cars, is quite common on better quality European automobiles. It's part of the trend of building redundancy into the fail-safe systems of modern automotive vehicles.

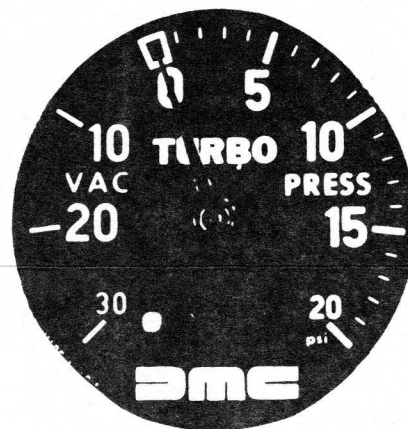
Installation of parking brake pads on your De Lorean is no more difficult than replacing regular disc pads, and the illustration in Section 6, Subsection 2, Group 1 of the DMCA Parts Manual should provide all the reference needed for this procedure.

Parking brake tension is essentially self-adjusting for the useful life of the brake pads. Simply continue to pull up and release the parking brake lever until all of the unwanted slack has been removed. If this does not produce the desired parking brake tension, additional adjustments can be made by twisting the nut on the parking brake cable at the point where it meets the rear brake primary disc.

Parking brake pads are available from DMCA at a substantial membership discount for only \$20.00 (Suggested retail is \$68.32).

To order, specify Part No. 109037 or use the form on the back page of this issue of *De Gull Wing*.

What's New DMCA Turbo Gauge



We have noted with concern that some turbo enthusiasts have adjusted their systems to exceed 6 lbs. of boost. While we understand the desire to maximize the "punch" that a turbo-charger can deliver, too much of a good thing can damage a vehicle by shortening its engine life.

To make sure your turbo is running in the recommended range of 5-5.5 lbs. of boost for everyday driving, the DMCA turbo gauge gives a constant readout of turbo performance.

By using the vacuum side of the gauge, you can also monitor your De Lorean's fuel usage to improve its gasoline mileage. And you can see exactly when the turbo kicks-in under actual driving conditions.

The new DMCA Turbo Gauge comes complete with instructions for center console or dash mounting for only \$89.00 plus shipping and handling. See the order form on the back page of this issue of DGW for details.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"...how long do the Silver Tip spark plugs last? Why don't you mention in the "De Gull Wing" that most Porsche dealerships will polish rims at about \$20.00 per wheel.

—Dr. Stan Marks

Stan, your plugs should last 20-25,000 miles compared to the 8-12,000 for the standard plugs. Thanks for the tip on wheel polishing.

—De Editor

"...When my De Lorean is slowing down, or accelerating regardless of what gear it's in, there is a feeling of hesitation that is very annoying, but when the car is in neutral it runs very smoothly. Please Help!

Anyone out there found the solution to a typical De Lorean problem? Call and let us know. Thanks!!!

—De Editor

"...My Dealer wants to replace my starter at a cost of \$450.00. This seems outrageous. Can You help?

—Marv Adler

Marv, would you settle for \$195.00 plus shipping and handling?

—De Editor

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